



#9/A MCTQ  
T. M. DeVos  
4/21/04

**PATENT**  
5181-57500/P4764

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/672,200  
Filed: September 27, 2000  
Inventors:  
Slaughter, et al.

§ Examiner: Lao, Sue X  
§ Group/Art Unit: 2126  
§ Atty. Dkt. No: 5181-57500  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§

Title: REMOTE FUNCTION  
INVOCATION WITH  
MESSAGING IN A  
DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING  
ENVIRONMENT

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

Robert C. Kowert

Printed Name

*Robert C. Kowert*  
Signature

April 9, 2004

Date

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
MARCH 23, 2004**

**RECEIVED**

APR 14 2004

Technology Center 2100

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 23, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.